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### **HousingIowa Awards Showcase the Best in Iowa Affordable Housing Initiatives** **4<sup>th</sup> annual HousingIowa awards honor outstanding housing initiatives throughout Iowa**

(Des Moines, Iowa) – Three outstanding Iowa housing initiatives and one individual from throughout the state were recently recognized with HousingIowa Awards at the 2011 HousingIowa Conference, presented by the Iowa Finance Authority in Des Moines.

“I congratulate the 2011 HousingIowa award recipients for their exceptional work in advancing affordable housing in Iowa,” said Iowa Finance Authority Executive Director Dave Jamison. “These initiatives are excellent examples of the affordable housing projects that our state needs to move affordable housing opportunities forward for all Iowans.”

The HousingIowa Awards recognize outstanding programs or projects for their leadership and innovation in advancing affordable housing development in Iowa. The three categories include: Multifamily, Single-Family and Special Needs.

In addition to the HousingIowa Awards, the Kay Anderson Friend of Iowa Award, which was founded in 2008 when the state of Iowa lost an exceptional community development advocate with the passing of Kay Anderson. A resident of LeMars and long-time member of the IFA Board of Directors, Kay is remembered for her kindness to others and commitment to the success of programs that helped make Iowa a better place. This award recognizes an individual who encompasses Kay’s outstanding qualities.

An independent panel of judges deemed the following 2011 HousingIowa Award winners:

#### ☐ **Multifamily Development**

Family Crisis Centers of Northwest Iowa, Project Hope  
Contact: Shari Kastein, Family Crisis Centers of Northwest Iowa: 712-274-1610

#### ☐ **Single-Family Development**

Dubuque Bank & Trust and Washington Neighborhood Partnership  
Contact: David Harris, City of Dubuque: 563-589-2000

#### ☐ **Special Needs Housing Development**

Community Action Agency of Siouxland, Welcome Home Project  
Contact: Jean Logan: 712-274-1610 ext. 204

#### ☐ **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Kay Anderson Friend of Iowa Award**

Dr. Ida Johnson, United Neighbors, Davenport  
Contact: Dr. Ida Johnson: 563-322-7363

More information about the HousingIowa Conference is available at [www.iowaFinanceAuthority.gov](http://www.iowaFinanceAuthority.gov)

*The Iowa Legislature created The Iowa Finance Authority, the state’s housing finance agency, in 1975 to undertake programs to assist in the attainment of housing for low- and moderate-income Iowans. Since then, the Iowa Finance Authority’s role has grown to include nearly 50 affordable housing and water quality programs. The Iowa Finance Authority is a self-supporting public agency whose mission is to finance, administer, advance and preserve affordable housing and to promote community and economic development for Iowans.*

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